



# LANSING NOW!

An update from City Hall - DECEMBER 2008



City of Lansing  
Virg Bernero, Mayor

## MAYOR REVS UP THE ENGINE OF DEMOCRACY

**M**ayor Bernero led a delegation of local leaders from throughout the state and nation to advocate for a \$34 billion bridge loan needed to keep the Big 3 automotive companies open during these tough economic times. In the greater Lansing area, GM employs 6,000 workers and for each auto worker employed, about 7.5 additional jobs are created. The request is under 5% of the proposed Wall Street \$700 billion “bailout”—a small price to pay to save the domestic auto industry and prevent the current recession from slipping further toward depression.



## QUANTUM LEAP FORWARD

Mayor Virg Bernero recently announced a program that will make it easier to recycle household waste by eliminating the need for residents to separate different recyclable materials and expanding the types of products accepted by the City of Lansing. The program is expected to increase the recycling rate by more than 400% by the year 2012. The program will be implemented over a one-year period beginning with pilot programs in selected areas of Lansing by mid-2009.



Sign-up to receive *Lansing Now* electronically! Visit: [www.cityoflansingmi.com/lansingnow/](http://www.cityoflansingmi.com/lansingnow/)

## GREEN SOLUTIONS OFFER WIN-WIN FOR RESIDENTS

Lansing neighborhoods may qualify for free grass or vegetated swales and bump outs that help slow speedy traffic and reduce pollution. These measures have historically increased property values by



beautifying the neighborhood. The project is funded by money secured through the City's Combined Sewer Overflow separation project.

## PUTTING LANSING FIRST!

Mayor Bernero has recently signed an executive order that requires preferences for Lansing-based firms and City residents in the procurement of all goods and services by the City of Lansing and in the hiring of City employees. In implementing the executive order, the City will work with educational institutions to develop and implement training programs to increase the number of City residents qualified for employment in Agencies and Departments of the City.

Please visit [lansingmi.gov](http://lansingmi.gov) or call 483-4141 for more info

## 'TIS THE SEASON....FOR SNOW REMOVAL

The City of Lansing would like to remind residents, property owners, and businesses that sidewalks MUST be cleared within 24 hours after snow stops falling. This ordinance will be enforced to allow pedestrians and children to walk our sidewalks safely. If an owner does not comply, the City will issue fines ranging from \$25 -\$200. Please help keep our community safe. Seniors and those with physical limitations may qualify for free service, call 372-4700 for more information. An ordinance that prohibits on street parking 2am-5am will also be strictly enforced in order to properly plow roads.

## MAKE YOUR STREETS FRIENDLY

Walk and Bike Lansing! Is a taskforce assembled around the goal of making Lansing more walk and bike friendly. Be on the lookout for presentations at local community and neighborhood association meetings. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved or schedule a representative to visit your neighborhood, please call 483-4141.

### GREEN TIP

Save some cash this season and use LED lights on your holiday tree. They last longer, use less energy and emit fewer pollutants.

